

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EL229505120US
MAILED: 20 July, 2000

534 Rec'd PCT/PTC

09/600673 10-27-00
#31A
M.L.
20 JUL 2000

Attorney Docket No: C75087

IN THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL EXAMINING AUTHORITY

International Application No.: PCT/US99/01377
International Filing Date: 21 January 1999
Priority Date Claimed: 23 January 1998
Applicant for DO/US: Bruce P. DAGGY and Kenneth G. MANDEL
Title of Invention: Cellulose Derivatives and Colorectal Cancer Risk Reduction

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box PCT
Att: DO/US
Washington D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating the filing fees and examination of this application, please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

In the Specification:

Please enter on the first page under the title the following:

A1 This application is the § 371 national stage entry of PCT/US99/01377, filed 21 January 1999, and which claims the benefit of provisional application 60/072,370, filed 23 January 1998.

In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 12, after "Claim 1", please delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 15, after "Claim 1", please delete "or 2".

A2 Claim 5. (Amended) The method according to [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 2 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

Claim 12, line 9, after "Claim 10", please delete "or 11".

Claim ~~13~~, line 12, after "Claim 10", please delete "or 11".

A2
Claim 14. (Amended) The method according to [any of Claims 10 to 13] claim 10 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US99/01377 into the U.S. national phase of prosecution. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed added.

Respectfully submitted,



Dara L. Dinner

Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 33,680

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION
Corporate Intellectual Property UW2220
P.O. Box 1539
King of Prussia, PA 19406-0939
Phone (610) 270-5017
Facsimile (610) 270-5090

0000220" E2900960